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SUBJECT: PAPAL APPEAL FOR AID TO CHURCH IN HOLY LAND

1. AS IS TRADITIONAL EVERY HOLY WEEK, CATHOLIC CHURCHES WORLD-WIDE WILL BE TAKING A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND. TO GIVE ADDED IMPACT TO THIS YEAR'S COLLECTION, POPE PAUL ON APRIL 5 ISSUED AN APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION (INSTRUCTION) TO ALL CATHOLICS ENTITLED "THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND". IN DOCUMENT, CONTAINING NO SURPRISES, PONTIFF REAFFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT CONTINUATION OF PRESENT STATE OF WAR PRESENTS GREAT DANGERS FOR WELFARE OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, AMONG WHICH EMIGRATION IS NOT LEAST. HE ALSO RESTATED HIS FERVENT HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF ALL THREE MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS COULD BE "CITIZENS" OF JERUSALEM IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD.

2. BULK OF THE DOCUMENT WAS TAKEN UP WITH A HISTORY OF HOLY LAND, ITS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY, IMPORTANCE IT HAS ALWAYS HAD FOR
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CHRISTIANS, AND PILGRIMAGES SIGNIFICANTLY, POPE AVOIDED MENTIONING CRUSADES. TAKING OFF FROM EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF PILGRIMAGES,

POPE NOTED THAT GENEROSITY OF CHRISTIANS AROUND WORLD IN PAST CENTURIES BUILD PILGRIMAGE HOSTELS AND GAVE AID TO LOCAL CHRISTAIN COMMUNITY. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE INCREASE IN PILGRIMAGES AND THAT WHILE IN THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMS WILL HAVE MORE CONTACT WITH MOSLEMS AND JEWS, A FACTOR WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT.

3. POPE PAUL NOTED THAT CHRISTIANS IN HOLY LAND DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT MEANS TO MAINTAIN THEMSELVES AND THEIR FACILITIES PROPERLY. HE NOTES THAT EVEN SINCE ST. PAUL, CHRISTIANS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON GENEROUSLY TO AID THEIR BROTHERS IN PALESTINE.

4. OBSERVING THAT THERE NOTING NEW OF POLITICAL NATURE IN THE POPE'S STATEMENT, A VATICAN SOURCE TOLD US THAT ISRAELI REACTION SO FAR SEEMS NOT TO HAVE BEEN UNFAVORABLE. SOURCE SAID POPE'S MAIN CONCERN IS TO RAISE BADLY NEEDED FUNDS FOR WELFARE OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ITSELF AS WELL AS FOR MATERIAL UPKEEP OF CHRISTIAN SHRINES.

5. ONLY REFERENCE TO ISRAELI POLICY AS POPE'S WARNING OF DANGERS OF "PROGRESSIVE AFFIRMATION OF SOLUTIONS LACKING A CLEAR, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEGAL BASIS AND GUARANTEE," AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO WHAT MANY VATICAN OBSERVERS LABEL "ISRAELIANIZATION" OF JERUSALEM. VOLPE

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